

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 and 65-66 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 12, 15, and 65 have been amended. New claim 66 has been added.

On page 2 of the Office Action, claims 1 and 65 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 1 and 65 were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter Applicants regard as the invention. Claims 2, 5, 6, 9, 12, and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as allegedly being indefinite. Applicants have amended the claims. Therefore, withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

On page 4 of the Office Action, claims 1-6, 11-13, 15, and 65 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,807,530 (Shub) in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,069,249 (Stolfo).

Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1, for example, indicates that an e-commerce method transfers a commodity to a customer at a non-residential place, when a first piece of receiver certifying information received from a customer's terminal, corresponds to a second piece of receiver certifying information received from a seller's terminal, by using transaction ID information and the first or second piece of receiver certifying information, which is void of personal identification information.

In contrast, Stolfo discloses that the recipient claims the package by providing at least the unique transaction identifier (or some number or code from which the transaction identifier (#F) may be determined) on the package to the OVM (one-time virtual mailbox) depot. Besides, Stolfo discloses that other identifying data may be secret information such as a confidential code or pass word or biometric known to the recipient and the OVM agent.

In further contrast to the present invention, Stolfo does not specify that the identifying data (for example, the confidential code or the password) are void of personal identification information. Therefore, Stolfo does not cure the deficiencies of Shub. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 65 and 66 are patentable over the references for at least the reasons presented for claim 1.

As new independent claim 66 recites language similar to that of claim 1, for example, Applicants respectfully submit that new claim 66 is patentable over the references for at least the reasons presented above for claim 1.

As Shkedy, Tsukuda, O'Leary, and Quinlan, alone or in any combination, fail to cure the deficiencies of the cited combination of references, claims 7-8, 9, 14, and 16-18 are patentable over the references for at least the reasons presented for independent claim 1.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

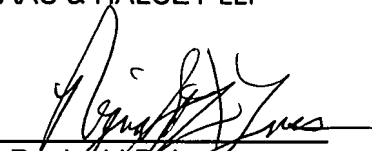
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